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**Opioid Response Efforts**

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# **Information Session: Engaging and Empowering Vulnerable Families and Communities to Prevent Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose**

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# Introduction



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# Webinar Logistics

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1. Webinar is being recorded and will be on [www.ForeFdn.org](http://www.ForeFdn.org) shortly after the session ends.
2. Presentation slides will be made available for download on our website.
3. Please use the “Q&A” found at the bottom of your Zoom screen.
  - If you have a similar question, please upvote using the thumbs up button on the question.
  - We will read as many questions live as time permits.
4. An FAQ and other resources will be provided on our website based on the questions submitted during the Q&A session.
5. There will be a brief survey immediately following the webinar. Please provide us with feedback!

# About FORE

Founded in 2018, the **Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE)** is a 501(c)(3) private, national, grantmaking foundation focused on one urgent public health emergency – **the opioid crisis**.

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## Vision

To inspire and accelerate action to end the opioid crisis

## Mission

To convene and support partners advancing patient-centered, **evidence-based solutions** addressing the opioid crisis

## Focus

With **patients at the center**, our focus includes:



Professional education



Payer & Provider strategies



Policy initiatives



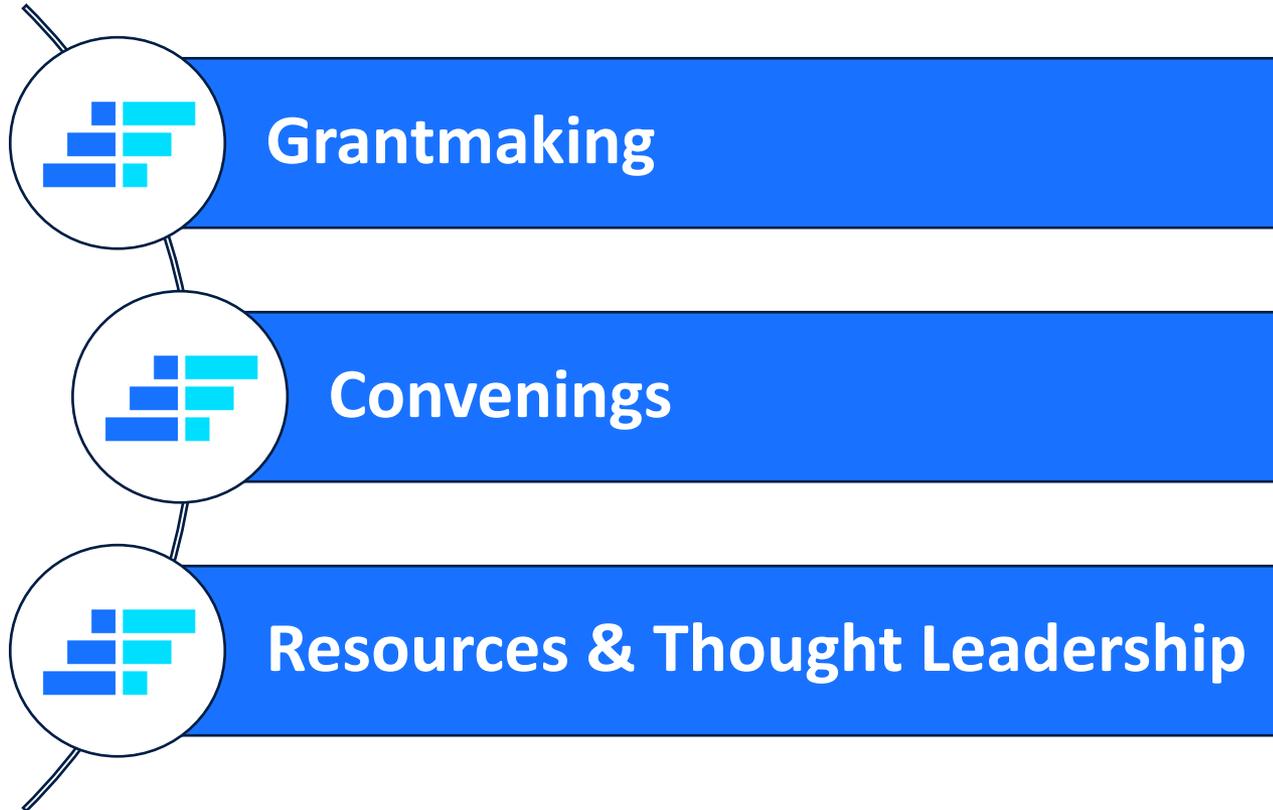
Public awareness



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# National Work Across Three Complementary Activities

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# Request for Proposals: Engaging and Empowering Vulnerable Families and Communities to Prevent Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose



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# Purpose

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**Opioid misuse often begins in adolescence and in the context of adverse events or stressors, hence there is a strong need to focus on engaging and supporting children and families that are most vulnerable, including those with a parent or other family member with OUD, those in which family members have been separated for a time, and those in very low-income communities.**

The prevalence of SUD within families underscores the need for a comprehensive approach to OUD prevention, one that addresses the needs of the entire family (both addressing prevention for the child and recovery for the adult), is community-based and culturally informed, and attends to the traumatic experiences that may accompany substance use.

**We believe there are opportunities to expand the evidence base of what really works, target attention and program development to highly vulnerable families, lift up current models which have shown positive outcomes, and determine how to implement and sustain them in more communities.**

# Funding Opportunity



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“To provide grant support for specific projects that aim to **improve, expand, and/or scale evidence-based family-, school-, and/or community-based prevention services for children and families**, particularly for those at highest risk.”

# Funding Opportunity: Target Projects

Targets projects which can develop, adapt, explore, and/or evaluate promising evidence-based models of family- and community-based prevention for OUD and overdose. Focused on three areas:

- 1. Mitigating the Impact of ACEs on Families.** e.g., evidence-based prevention models that target children and families at highest risk, including families who have a caregiver in treatment, recovery, or actively using substances.
- 2. Developing Models for Racial and Cultural Minorities and Addressing Inequities.** e.g., developing culturally informed and inclusive prevention models that address health inequities and are effective in diverse communities of color, and identifying routes to successful sustainability.
- 3. Addressing and Managing Pain, Emotional Distress, and Trauma.** e.g., projects which help children and adolescents develop healthy ways of responding to pain with interventions or supports that may be based in schools, homes, or communities will be considered.

# Funding Opportunity: Target Projects

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FORE prioritizes work which **incorporates a focus on patient-centered solutions and on health equity, as well as reaching diverse high-risk populations**. FORE also assesses projects within a framework of meeting one or more of our overarching objectives of supporting:



Professional  
education



Payer & Provider  
strategies



Policy initiatives



Public awareness

**Award**: up to **\$500,000/year** for up to **three years**

**RFP Open**: July 20 – September 20, 2021

# Funding Opportunity: Eligibility

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Generally, FORE will consider grant requests for *specific charitable purposes* from:

- U.S.-based 501(c)(3) public charities and organizations;
- Tax-exempt institutions of higher education (public and private);
- State governments and agencies;
- Local governments and agencies;
- City or township governments; and
- Native American tribal governments.

**FORE would prefer a limit of one Concept Note per organization OR academic/hospital/government department.**

# Funding Opportunity: Key Dates

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Applications will be accepted until **11:59 PM EST on September 20, 2021** and grants will be awarded in early 2022.

**July 20, 2021**

RFP released on FORE website

**September 20, 2021**

Last possible day to submit Concept Note

**October 8, 2021**

Latest notification for request for Full Proposal (subject to change)

**February 28, 2022**

Earliest notification of final decisions (subject to change)

Apply: <https://ForeFdn.org/grants-and-funding/>

# Contact Information

General and eligibility inquiries: [info@ForeFdn.org](mailto:info@ForeFdn.org)

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**Thank You For Your Work!**

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